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## LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

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Sir:

The present application is a U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/IB00/00310, filed on March 20, 2000. The present application is also a continuation-in-part (CIP) under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) of U.S. Application No. 09/701,531, U.S. Application No. 09/701,523, U.S. Application No. 09/936,806 and U.S. Application No. 09/936,789.

Applicants attach an Equivalent to form PTO-1449 listing the art cited in parent file U.S. Application No. 09/701,531 (items 1-11, 13-18, 21-25, 27-33, 35-41, 43-44 and 46-49) and parent file U.S. Application No. 09/936,806 (items 12, 19, 20, 26, 34, 42 and 45). Applicants are confident that the Examiner has reviewed and considered the art in accordance with MPEP Section 6091.A.2. However, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner returns the enclosed form initialed, in order to ensure that the items listed therein appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

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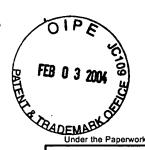
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